



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter. [Use ~~strikethrough~~ for deleted matter (or double square brackets "[[]]" if the strikethrough is not easily perceivable, *i.e.*, "4" or a punctuation mark) and underlined for added matter.]

1. (Previously presented) A transaction method in which a first party computer system transfers a first part of a payment token to a second party computer system to obtain the subject of a transaction, the first party computer system transfers a second part of the payment token to a third party computer system, the first party computer system issues a notification that the subject has been received, and the third party computer system, subsequent to receiving notification that a first party has received the subject, releases the second part of the payment token to the second party computer system to allow payment to a second party.
2. (Previously presented) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein the first party computer system transfers the first part of the payment token to the second party computer system via the third party computer system.
3. (Original) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein the payment token does not identify the first party.
4. (Original) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account.
5. (Original) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein the payment token identifies the second party.
6. (Original) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein the payment token identifies the second party's account.
7. (Original) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein the first party's bank certifies at least a part of the payment token.

8. (Previously presented) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein the first party computer system obtains at least a part of the payment token from its bank.
9. (Previously presented) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein the first party computer system generates a part of the payment token from a part of the payment token obtained from its bank.
10. (Previously presented) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein the second party computer system authenticates the payment token.
11. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first party computer system or its bank makes the payment token specific to the transaction.
12. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the first party optionally decides to cancel the transaction by requesting the third party computer system to do so.
13. (Original) A transaction method according to claim 1, wherein a logistics agent transfers the subject of the transaction to the first party.
14. (Canceled)
15. (Currently amended) A transaction method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein the first party computer system passes more than one part of the payment token to the second party computer system via the third party computer system.
16. (Currently amended) ~~A transaction method according to claim 14~~ A transaction method wherein a first party computer system transfers a payment token to a second party computer system in exchange for the subject of a transaction, the method comprising the step of the first party computer system transferring at least one part of a payment token to the second party computer system via a third party computer system, and wherein the payment token does not identify a first party, wherein the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account.

17. (Currently amended) A transaction method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein the payment token identifies a second party.
18. (Currently amended) A transaction method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein the payment token identifies a second party's account.
19. (Currently amended) A transaction method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein the first party's bank certifies at least a part of the payment token.
20. (Currently amended) A transaction method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein the first party computer system obtains at least a part of the payment token from its bank.
21. (Currently amended) A transaction method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein the first party computer system generates a part of the payment token from a part of the payment token obtained from its bank.
22. (Currently amended) A transaction method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein the second party computer system authenticates the payment token.
23. (Currently amended) A method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein the first party computer system or its bank makes the payment token specific to the transaction.
24. (Currently amended) A method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein the first party optionally decides to cancel the transaction by requesting a third party to do so.
25. (Currently amended) A transaction method according to claim [[14]] 16, wherein a logistics agent transfers the subject of the transaction to the first party.
26. (Previously presented) A transaction method in which a first party computer system transfers a first part of a payment token to a second party computer system to obtain the subject of a transaction, the first party computer system transfers a second part of the payment token to a third party computer system, the first party computer system issues a notification that the subject has been received, and the third party computer system, subsequent to receiving notification that

a first party has received the subject, releases the second part of the payment token to the second party computer system to allow payment to a second party, wherein the payment token does not identify the first party.

27. (Previously presented) A transaction method in which a first party computer system transfers a first part of a payment token to a second party computer system to obtain the subject of a transaction, the first party computer system transfers a second part of the payment token to a third party computer system, the first party computer system issues a notification that the subject has been received, and the third party computer system, subsequent to receiving notification that a first party has received the subject, releases the second part of the payment token to the second party computer system to allow payment to a second party, wherein the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account.

28. (Previously presented) A transaction method wherein a first party computer system transfers a payment token to a second party computer system in exchange for the subject of a transaction, the method comprising the step of the first party computer system transferring at least one part of a payment token to the second party computer system via a third party computer system, and wherein the payment token does not identify a first party, wherein the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account.

29. (Previously presented) A transaction method in which a first party computer system transfers a first part of a payment token to a second party computer system to obtain the subject of a transaction, the first party computer system transfers a second part of the payment token to a third party computer system, the first party computer system issues a notification that the subject has been received, and the third party computer system, subsequent to receiving notification that the first party computer system has received the subject, releases the second part of the payment token to the second party computer system to allow payment to the second party computer system, wherein a logistics agent computer system transfers the subject of the transaction to the first party computer system.

30. (Previously presented) A transaction method wherein a first party computer system transfers a payment token to a second party computer system in exchange for the subject of a

transaction, the method comprising the step of the first party computer system transferring at least one part of a payment token to the second party computer system via a third party computer system, and wherein the payment token does not identify a first party and a logistics agent transfers the subject of the transaction to the first party.

31. (Previously presented) A transaction method in which a first party computer system transfers a first part of a payment token to a second party computer system to obtain the subject of a transaction, the first party computer system transfers a second part of the payment token to a third party computer system, the first party computer system issues a notification that the subject has been received, and the third party computer system, subsequent to receiving notification that a first party has received the subject, releases the second part of the payment token to the second party computer system to allow payment to a second party, wherein the payment token does not identify the first party and a logistics agent transfers the subject of the transaction to the first party.

32. (Previously presented) A system for performing transactions, comprising a third party data processing apparatus connected to a first party computer system and a second party computer system engaging in a transaction for communication therewith, wherein the third party data processing apparatus comprises a transferor arranged to receive a second part of a payment token from a first party to a transaction and a verifier arranged to verify that the subject of the transaction has been received by the first party to enable the transferor to release said second part to the second party computer system for use with a first part of said token to permit payment to a second party.

33. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 32, wherein the transferor is arranged to receive the first part of the token from the first party computer system and transfer the first part of the token to the second party computer system.

34. (Original) A system according to claim 32, wherein the payment token does not identify the first party.

35. (Original) A system according to claim 32, wherein the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account.

36. (Original) A system according to claim 32, wherein the payment token identifies the second party.
37. (Original) A system according to claim 32, wherein the payment token identifies the second party's account.
38. (Original) A system according to claim 32, wherein at least a part of the payment token is certified by the first party's bank.
39. (Original) A system according to claim 32, wherein at least a part of the payment token is obtained from the first party's bank.
40. (Original) A system according to claim 32, wherein at least a part of the payment token is generated from a part of the payment token obtained from the first party's bank.
41. (Original) A system according to claim 32, wherein the third party includes a notifier arranged to cause cancellation of the transaction at the first party's behest.
42. (Original) A system according to claim 32, further comprising a logistics agent for transferring the subject of the transaction to the first party.
43. (Previously presented) A system for performing transactions, comprising a first party computer system, a second party computer system and a third party computer system, said first party computer system and second party computer system being interconnected for communication via the third party computer system to enable the first party computer system to give a payment token to the second party computer system in return for the subject of a transaction, wherein the first party computer system is arranged to transfer at least one part of the payment token to the second party computer system via the third party computer system, and the payment token does not identify a first party.
44. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 43, wherein the first party computer system is arranged to pass more than one part of the payment token to the second party computer system via the third party computer system.

45. (Original) A system according to claim 43, wherein the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account.
46. (Original) A system according to claim 43, wherein the payment token identifies the second party.
47. (Original) A system according to claim 43, wherein the payment token identifies the second party's account.
48. (Original) A system according to claim 43, wherein at least a part of the payment token is certified by the first party's bank.
49. (Original) A system according to claim 43, wherein at least a part of the payment token is obtained from the first party's bank.
50. (Original) A system according to claim 43, wherein at least a part of the payment token is generated from a part of the payment token obtained from the first party's bank.
51. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 43, wherein the third party computer system includes a notifier arranged to cause cancellation of the transaction at the first party's behest.
52. (Original) A system according to claim 43, further comprising a logistics agent for transferring the subject of the transaction to the first party.
53. (Previously presented) A system for performing transactions, comprising a third party data processing apparatus connected to a first party computer system and a second party computer system engaging in a transaction for communication therewith, wherein the third party data processing apparatus comprises a transferor arranged to receive a second part of a payment token from a first party to a transaction and a verifier arranged to verify that the subject of the transaction has been received by the first party to enable the transferor to release said second part to a second party for use with a first part of said token to permit payment to the second party, wherein the payment token does not identify the first party.

54. (Previously presented) A system for performing transactions, comprising a third party data processing apparatus connected to a first party computer system and a second party computer system engaging in a transaction for communication therewith, wherein the third party data processing apparatus comprises a transferor arranged to receive a second part of a payment token from the first party computer system to a transaction and a verifier arranged to verify that the subject of the transaction has been received by a first party to enable the transferor to release said second part to the second party computer system for use with a first part of said token to permit payment to the second party, wherein the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account.

55. (Previously presented) A system for performing transactions, comprising a first party computer system, a second party computer system and a third party computer system, said first party computer system and second party computer system being interconnected for communication via the third party computer system to enable the first party computer system to give a payment token to the second party computer system in return for the subject of a transaction, wherein the first party computer system is arranged to transfer at least one part of the payment token to the second party computer system via the third party computer system, the payment token does not identify a first party, and the payment token does not contain information identifying or facilitating the identification of the first party's account.

56. (Previously presented) A system for performing transactions, comprising a third party data processing apparatus connected to a first party computer system and a second party computer system engaging in a transaction for communication therewith, wherein the third party data processing apparatus comprises a transferor arranged to receive a second part of a payment token from the first party computer system to a transaction and a verifier arranged to verify that the subject of the transaction has been received by a first party to enable the transferor to release said second part to a second party computer system for use with a first part of said token to permit payment to a second party, wherein the system further comprises a logistics agent for transferring the subject of the transaction to the first party computer system.

57. (Previously presented) A system for performing transactions, comprising a first party computer system, a second party computer system and a third party computer system, said first party computer system and second party computer system being interconnected for

communication via the third party computer system to enable the first party computer system to give a payment token to the second party computer system in return for the subject of a transaction, wherein the first party computer system is arranged to transfer at least one part of the payment token to the second party computer system via the third party computer system, the payment token does not identify a first party, and the system further comprises a logistics agent for transferring the subject of the transaction to the first party.

58. (Previously presented) A system for performing transactions, comprising a third party data processing apparatus connected to a first party computer system and a second party computer system engaging in a transaction for communication therewith, wherein the third party data processing apparatus comprises a transferor arranged to receive a second part of a payment token from the first party computer system to a transaction and a verifier arranged to verify that the subject of the transaction has been received by the first party to enable the transferor to release said second part to the second party computer system for use with a first part of said token to permit payment to the second party computer system, wherein the payment token does not identify the first party and the system further comprises a logistics agent for transferring the subject of the transaction to the first party.